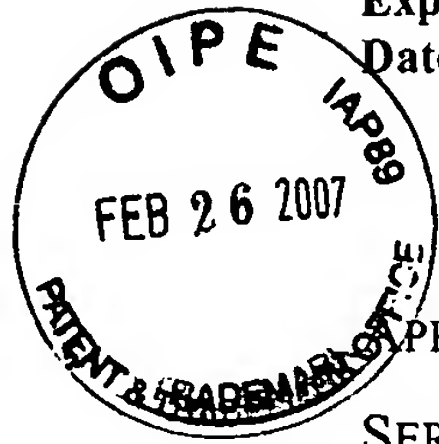


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to submit a Response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response to the Office Action is due on or before February 25, 2007. However, Applicants would like to note that February 25, 2007 was a Sunday. Therefore, the Applicants are filing the Response on the next business day, February 26, 2007.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23239-538 UTIL. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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